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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: *Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, High Cost Universal Service Support, WC Docket No. 05-337;*
Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Secretary Dortch:

On Tuesday, May 15, 2007, Ron Duncan, President and CEO of GCI; Greg Chapados, Senior Vice President, Federal Affairs & Business Development of GCI, and I met separately with Commissioner Robert McDowell and John Hunter, and with Scott Bergmann, Wireline Legal Advisor to Commissioner Adelstein, and then on Wednesday, May 16, 2007, the same GCI representatives met separately with Chairman Kevin Martin, Dan Gonzalez, Ian Dillner, and Tom Navin; with Commissioner Deborah Taylor Tate and Nick Alexander; and with Commissioner Michael Copps and Scott Deutchman.

Consistent with points detailed in previous GCI ex parte filings in these dockets, GCI discussed the need for and benefits of a tribal lands exemption from the proposed CETC cap. To ensure a targeted use of scarce universal service funds, eligibility for CETC exemptions from the cap would be dependent on a commitment to deliver broadband service to a substantial portion of the service area and to limit the number of lines receiving support. The attached documents were presented in the meetings.

In accordance with the Commission's rules, a copy of this letter with attachments is being filed in the above-referenced dockets.

Sincerely,

/s/
Tina Pidgeon
Vice President, Federal Regulatory Affairs

Attachments